

Program Description

The mission of the Geriatric Special Services (GSS) is to improve the quality of life of the frail elderly and their families in Los Angeles County, through proactive partnership with the community, private organizations, and government entities.

The unit serves as an advocate for family-centered, community-based delivery of a range of quality services that allow older adults to maintain independence within the least restrictive environment. GSS identifies, networks, and collaborates with public and private services that help enhance programs for older adults in the community so they can continue to be independent and functional. The GSS unit is also active on various older adult committees and serves as the liaison to the Department of Health Services and Board of Supervisors concerning older adult issues.

Important Things to Know

- The percent of adults over 65 years in Los Angeles County is expected to double by 2030 as the “baby boom” generation ages and survivorship increases.
- The number of people over 85 years living in the County is also expected to double by 2030.
- About one in every three elderly residents in Los Angeles County classifies his or her health status as fair or poor.
- About one in every ten adults ages 65 and over lived below federal poverty level in the past 12 month in Los Angeles County.

To report elder abuse in California, please call the Los Angeles County Elder Abuse Hotline (877) 4-R-SENIORS or (877) 477-3646.

For more information, please call (213) 639-6458
or visit <http://lapublichealth.org/mch>
and click on Geriatric Special Services.



